

1 response/amendment. As a result, a two month extension fee of \$225.00 is included herewith for the  
2 two month extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required, please  
3 consider this a petition therefor.

4 In the Office Action, the Examiner identified two patentably distinct species of the  
5 claimed invention, identified as Group I, as set forth in FIGS. 1, 3 and 5, and Group II, as set forth in  
6 FIGS. 2, 9 and 10. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single  
7 disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic  
8 claim is finally held to be allowable. In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant has  
9 elected the species represented by Group I (FIGS. 1, 3 and 5) for prosecution on the merits, without  
10 traverse to said selection.

11 Applicant is also filing herewith an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") in  
12 compliance with CFR §§ 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98. No fee for the IDS is believed due pursuant to the  
13 aforementioned regulations as it is being filed prior to the mailing of a first office action on the merits.

14 Consideration of the application in light of Applicant's restriction and the attached IDS  
15 is requested. Allowance of the subject patent application is respectfully solicited.

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